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A Larger Catechism of the Doctrines, History, and Polity of the Methodist Protestant Church. By John Scott, D.D. (Pittsburgh: Methodist Protestant Board of Publication, 1897; pp. 287; cloth; \$1.25.) In the form of question and answer this volume sets forth the doctrines of the Scriptures as generally held by Methodists, the origin of Methodism in England, its organization in the United States, and the elementary principles of its polity. The clear, unequivocal statements of the author are strengthened by many quotations from acknowledged denominational authorities. We can commend the book to all who wish to learn the views of this great and influential body of Christians.—GALUSHA ANDERSON.

The Ruling Elder at Work. By Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, D.D., author of *What is Presbyterian Law?* (New York: A. D. F. Randolph Co., 1897; pp. viii + 215; cloth, \$0.75.) This book of 215 pages, with a carefully prepared index, presents in narrative form the entire polity of the Presbyterian church. A ruling elder gives his experiences in actual service. We have thus put before us, in an interesting story, the whole round of duties done by the session, the presbytery, the synod, and the general assembly. The powers of the individual church and of its different officers are fully set forth and explained. We see the whole Presbyterian ecclesiastical machinery in motion. In this artful way a dry subject is made attractive.—GALUSHA ANDERSON.

Von Kind auf! Christliche Reden an die liebe Jugend, den Kindern und ihren Freunden nach der Ordnung des Kirchenjahres gehalten von D. theol. P. Kaiser, Pfarrer an St. Matthäi in Leipzig. Zweite, wenig veränderte Auflage. Erstes Heft. (Halle a. S.: Richard Mühlmann's Verlagsbuchhandlung [Max Grosse], 1897; complete in five parts; M. 4.) We have in this little book of sixty-four pages twelve discourses which were delivered to children at Leipzig by the pastor of St. Matthew's during the season of Advent, on Christmas, New Year's, and on the four Sundays after Epiphany. Each discourse, except the last, has a prologue on some interesting subject. The sermon which follows is based on a text appropriate to the season. The style is clear and very simple, so that even little children must have understood the preacher; while the thought presented is in the main scriptural and important. There is much illustration from child-life and from history. To preach effectively to children is a difficult art; he that would learn it can find many valuable suggestions in these discourses.—GALUSHA ANDERSON.